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5 Mysuru BEOs injured in HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

DRIVER KILLED

- **Cab carrying BEOs collides with goods vehicle near Ramanagara**
- **Education Officers were scheduled to attend meeting in Bengaluru**

Revanna *Prakash* *Krishna* *Mahesh* *Raju*

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&KS)- A cab driver was killed and five Block Education Officers (BEOs) from Mysuru district were injured in a road accident on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Ramanagara this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Anand, a resident of Mysuru. The injured are Mysuru North BEO Revanna, Mysuru Rural BEO Prakash, Mysuru South BEO Krishna, Nanjangud BEO Mahesh and H.D. Kote BEO Raju.

Revanna and Prakash sustained serious injuries and were admitted to a private hospital in the vicinity. The remaining three officers suffered minor injuries.

According to sources, the five BEOs had hired the cab (KA-09-B-3001) to travel to Bengaluru for a meeting at the Office of the Commissioner of the Education Department.

The accident occurred when the cab was travelling on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. A goods vehicle (KA-09-AA-3131) reportedly collided with the cab, resulting in the fatal crash.

The impact of the collision left the cab mangled, trapping the BEOs inside. Residents and passing motorists joined rescue efforts and helped extricate the passengers, who were subsequently taken to hospitals for treatment.

Preliminary information suggests that the tyre of one of the vehicles burst before the collision. However, officials are yet to ascertain which vehicle suffered the tyre burst.

Ramanagara Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances leading to the accident on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

The mangled remains of the cab that met with an accident, injuring five Mysuru BEOs, on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Ramanagara this morning.

Why not conduct online meetings in a digital age?

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY &KS)- Following the accident, members of the public questioned the need for frequent in-person meetings in Bengaluru involving field-level education officials.

They pointed out that with schools having reopened this month, Block Education Officers are engaged in extensive monitoring and administrative responsibilities in their respective jurisdictions.

Instead of requiring officers to travel long distances for meetings, the Education Department should consider conducting virtual meetings whenever possible.

Such an arrangement, they said, would enable officials to participate in departmental reviews while continuing to oversee school-related activities from their offices, besides reducing travel-related risks.

Exports from Kadakola get Customs clearance

MP Yaduveer says exporters need not rely on distant ports for Customs procedures

Mysuru, June 22 (AG&BCT)- The Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) at Kadakola near Thandavapura has received Customs approval from the Union Finance Ministry and is set to facilitate export shipments from the Mysuru region, paving the way for international trade operations.

Confirming the development to *Star of Mysore,* Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said the Customs clearance facility was approved following representations made to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

"We had requested the Union Government to provide the necessary infrastructure for import and export activities at Kadakola so that exporters need not depend entirely on distant ports for Customs-related procedures. The proposal has now been approved, which will greatly benefit exporters in the region," he said.

(See EXPORTS on page 7)

Containers lined up for loading onto trains at Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Kadakola, Nanjangud.

Rs. 7 crore Kambala for Mysuru Dasara

120 buffalo pairs expected for 48-hour floodlit event

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY& BCT)- Kambala, the traditional buffalo racing sport of coastal Karnataka, is set to make its debut at the world-famous Mysuru Dasara this year, with the District Administration estimating the cost of hosting the two-day event at around Rs. 7 crore.

The event is proposed to be conducted in 16 rounds on two parallel tracks. Each track will measure 250 metres in length and 50 metres in width, with the racing stretch fixed at 140 metres.

Races will be held between two pairs of buffaloes at a time and are planned to continue round-the-clock for 48 hours under floodlights.

Spectator galleries will be constructed around the venue, though the seating capacity is yet to be finalised.

The preparations follow a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy last week, after which the administration initiated plans to bring the traditional coastal sport to Mysuru as part of the Dasara celebrations.

(See KAMBALA on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 22nd June 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DOGBITE SURGE CALLS FOR FRESH AUDIT: ***The 55% surge in dog bite cases across Bengaluru during the first five months of 2026 is a reminder of a serious public health challenge confronting the city. The increase from 11,647 cases during the corresponding period last year to 18,140 this year cannot be dismissed by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) as merely a consequence of improved reporting. What is equally striking is that pet dogs are responsible for nearly 42% of the total cases. Such a high proportion of pet dog attacks raises uncomfortable questions about irresponsible ownership, inadequate training and poor socialisation. Thus, civic authorities cannot focus exclusively on stray dogs while ignoring the risks posed by domesticated animals.***

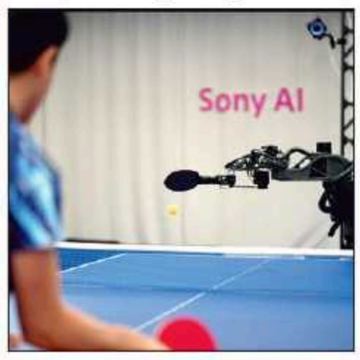
The figures also expose the shortcomings of Bengaluru's Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme, which has existed for nearly 25 years and yet has left the city with an estimated stray dog population of almost three lakh. During the brief periods when the programme was implemented rigorously, scientific sterilisation helped stabilise and even reduce stray dog numbers. The 2023 dog census showed that nearly 72% of stray dogs had been sterilised and the overall population had declined by almost 10% compared with 2019. However, these gains have not been sustained because implementation has been inconsistent, plagued by administrative disruptions, weak monitoring and poor auditing. The GBA must commission a micro-level study to determine whether these attacks are concentrated in specific neighbourhoods and understand the reasons behind such aggression...

The conventional explanation that aggression increases when food becomes scarce does not entirely fit Bengaluru's circumstances. The city has a thriving dog-feeding culture and the GBA itself allocates funds for organised feeding. This makes it even more imperative to investigate whether garbage management, territorial behaviour, breeding cycles or local population imbalances are driving aggression in particular pockets. The answer lies not in panic but in evidence-based policy. An independent audit of the ABC programme — plugging loopholes like corruption — coupled with neighbourhood-level mapping and continuous sterilisation, is essential. Twenty-five years after its adoption and after crores of rupees having been spent, Bengalureans deserve to know whether their money has been well utilised.

—In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Robot that can outplay elite players



Tokyo: A robot has become so good at playing table tennis that at times it defeated elite human players, in what has been hailed as "a longstanding milestone for AI".

The robotic arm, built by Japanese electronics giant Sony, is a paddle-wielding robot by the name of Ace.

Ace was pitted against professional athletes and was found to have given them a real challenge with its nine camera eyes positioned around the court.

The robot, which also has eight joints that direct its movements, learned how to play the sport using the AI method known as reinforcement learning.

Girl fakes kidnapping to extort money

Itaiópolis: A 12-year-old girl who had been reported as kidnapped by her desperate parents turned out to have faked the crime to extort her own family.

Terrified that their daughter might lose her life, the parents contacted the Police and the Criminal Investigation Division (DIC) of Mafra, a neighbouring city, began an investigation to locate the victim and her kidnappers.

A few hours later, before the family could arrange the details of the ransom, Police located the girl in a house on the rural outskirts of Itaiópolis.

The 12-year-old "victim" was in no apparent danger, and during questioning, she admitted that she had made up the kidnapping story just to extort money out of her poor parents.

The girl was taken into custody and accused of committing an act analogous to the crime of extortion, but it's unclear if she stands to suffer any legal consequences, considering her young age.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Did You Know?

Stress may contribute to vitiligo progression in some individuals. Along with treatment, managing stress and regular follow-ups play an important role in care.

By Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatology and Cosmetology - Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Expo of Central Govt. projects at MP's Office in city tomorrow

Mysuru, June 22 (DM)- In an initiative aimed at directly reaching out Central Government programmes, plans , projects and schemes to the general public, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has organised an expo of NDA Government's programmes and projects at the MP's Office in CADA Office premises on Sayyaji Rao Road in the city at 9.30 am tomorrow (June 23).

In a press release, Yaduveer said that Prime Minister Modi-led NDA Government has initiated several projects, programmes, plans and schemes for the welfare of people and steadfast growth of the country in the past 12 years. This expo showcases all Union Government schemes in place for every section of society.

The main objective of the expo is to educate and sensitise the people about the welfare programmes meant for them and the benefits and facilities available under every programme, he said and added that he felt happy to organise this expo, which acts as a bridge between the people of the Constituency and Modi-led Union Government.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **81.52 feet**	Today's level **2,254.07 feet**	Today's level **2,825.48 feet**
Last year's level **119.40 feet**	Last year's level **2,277.72 feet**	Last year's level **2,850.81 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.49 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,253.93 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,825.38 feet**
Today's Inflow **684 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **591 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **180 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **438 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **0 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **0 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Saltwater Crocodiles are very powerful predators. They usually catch their prey by ambushing them from the water. They eat anything they can catch including fish, turtles, birds, reptiles and mammals.***
- ***Saltwater Crocodiles have a valve at the back of their mouth that seals it off from their throat, allowing them to open their mouths underwater.***
- ***On land, Saltwater Crocodiles can be slow, but in the water, they use their long, muscular tails to swim up to 20 to 25 miles per hour!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

One night, Dino's gold ring slipped off his finger in his basement, which was very dark. So he went out into the street searching for it under the street-lamp.
What are you looking for, Dino? asked a man passing by.
Dino: *My ring, I lost it down in the basement.* ***Man:*** *Then why are you searching for it here?* ***Dino:*** *Don't be ridiculous! How could I find anything in that darkness?!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 94.57
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 124.88
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.75
1 Euro	= Rs. 108.33

VOICE OF THE READER

Corner blinded by tree branches

Sir,

In Dattagalli, 3rd Cross, situated near Sukrutha PU College, joins the main road running in front of Nypunya School of Excellence.

At the joining point on the right side, there's a small tree with a lot of branches and leaves that obstructs the vision of motorists taking the right turn from 3rd Cross to the Main Road.

Because of thick foliage, the incoming vehicles from the Nypunya School side cannot be seen and there is a possibility of collision and accident. I request the authorities concerned to prune the tree branches.

—B.G. Balaji

Kanakadasanagar

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'Anand Sweets & Savouries' launches its first Mysuru Store on Kalidasa Road

A live hot Mysore Pak tasting station and a live Delhi style street-food counter

Mysuru, June 22- Anand Sweets & Savouries, the Bengaluru heritage *mithai* house founded in 1988, opened its first store in Mysuru on Kalidasa Road in Vijayanagar yesterday.

It is the brand's first store outside Bengaluru in its home State of Karnataka; Beyond Bengaluru, Anand also operates airport outlets at Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Kochi.

"If we were going to open beyond Bengaluru in Karnataka, it was always going to be Mysuru first," said Arvind Dadu, Managing Director. "The demand is already here and this is a city that values heritage and quality as much as we do, a deliberate move into a market we know is ready for us."

The Mysuru Store opens with a curated selection from Anand's range, led by its signatures — *Badamika, Pistamika and Chocomika, Meetaaz* and *Motichoor Laddoo* — alongside *mithai* favourites like *Kaju Katli* and *Rasmalai*, a collection of counter of Signature *Biscottis Badamika, Pistamika* and *Chocomika* and Middle Eastern delights such as *Baklava* & *Kunafa* and the brand's festive gifting hampers.

Playback singer Vijay Prakash being greeted during the launch of 'Anand Sweets & Savouries' on Kalidasa Road in Mysuru yesterday.

For Mysuru, the selection also leans into South Indian favourites: *Maddur Vada, Rice* and *Coconut Kodubale, Benne & Adyar Murukku* and regional mixtures. All sweets are made in pure ghee and organic milk and the savouries have no palm oil.

Sitting alongside the signatures is Anand's growing mindful range: no added sugar *Kaju Katli, Besan Laddu* and *Sohan Papdi; laddus* made with Ragi, Millet, Flax Seed and Gond; and a line of baked and roasted snacks and Makhana for everyday snacking.

At the heart of the store is a live hot Mysore Pak tasting station, serving it fresh and warm across varieties: the classic alongside Malt Mysore Pak, Dry Fruit Mysore Pak, Jaggery Mysore Pak and Kaju Mysore Pak.

The store also brings Anand's food experience to Mysuru: a made-to-order counter for *Chole Bhature,* Delhi-Style *Chaat, Gol Gappe* and *Tandoor*.

The launch celebrations featured a special appearance by playback singer Vijay Prakash, alongside Mysuru historian Dharmendra Kumar, popularly known as 'History Uncle,' whose storytelling on the city's heritage set the tone for Anand's homecoming.

The store operates from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm every day.

Child crowned with Grand Master by Asia Book of Records-2026

Mysuru, June 22- Little talent A. Pranjali Raj from JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Mysuru, has gained recognition across the State through her remarkable achievement. At just 2 years and 8 months of age, she became the first child to be awarded the 'Asia Grand Master-2026' title for singing 22 Kannada songs at such a young age, showcasing her extraordinary talent.

A. Pranjali Raj

She is also an India Book of Records-2024 holder for singing the maximum number of Kannada songs by a toddler, creating an inspiring milestone.

Pranjali Raj is the daughter of M.L. Ranjitha and M.B. Anil Raj who serves in the India Post Department.

MLA fetes retired Superintendent of Muslim Boys Orphanage

Mysuru, June 22 (AP&KS) - A function was organised at Muslim Boys Orphanage (Apna Ghar) at S.S. Nagar in Bannimantap recently to felicitate Peer Khan, Superintendent of the Orphanage, who retired after rendering 46 years of dedicated service.

MLA Tanveer Sait, who is also the President of Muslim Boys and Girls Orphanage, feted Peer Khan.

Addressing the gathering, Sait lauded Peer Khan for completing his responsibilities with dedication. He further said that the doors of Apna Ghar would always remain open for him.

Earlier, the programme began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Moulana Muhammad Salman Shahi, Khateeb and Imam of the Masjid e Rifah.

Abdul Aziz Chand, Secretary, Muslim Girls Orphanage (Phulwari), Anwar Pasha, Secretary, Muslim Boys Orphanage, Mohammad Mumtaz Ahmed, Hashim Ali Khan Noori, Dr. Rizwan Ahmed, Fazil Chand, Prof. Naseemuddin, Mahmood Ali Khan Qurrath, Secretary of Tahaffuz-e-Khabarasthan Committee, former Corporator Sawood Khan, Dr. Shoukath Ur Rahman, Hashim Ali Khan Noori, Irfan and others were present.

Aviation familiarisation visit for school children at Mysore Airport

Mysuru, June 22 (KS) - As part of the activities leading up to *Yatri Suvidha Diwas 2026,* observed on June 15, Mysore Airport facilitated an educational aviation familiarisation visit for school students recently.

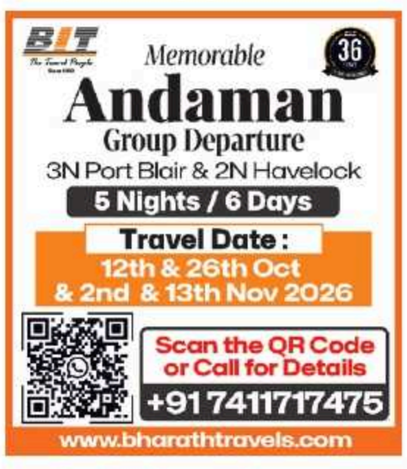
The students were provided with an enriching opportunity to gain first-hand exposure to the aviation environment. During the visit, the students were taken on a guided tour of the Airport's passenger terminal building, where they were familiarised with various passenger facilitation measures, airport processes and the role of different stakeholders involved in airport operations.

The students also visited the Airport Fire Station, where officials explained the functions of Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services, emergency response mechanisms, specialised fire-fighting equipment and the critical role played by the fire service in ensuring aviation safety.

The highlight of the programme was the visit to the Orient Flying School in the airport premises. The students interacted with aviation professionals and were introduced to the fundamentals of flight training, aircraft operations and career opportunities in aviation sector. The visit provided valuable insights into the journey of becoming a pilot and other aviation-related professions.

The initiative was organised to create awareness among young students about the aviation industry and inspiring them to explore future careers in aviation. The programme also helped students understand the importance of airport infrastructure, safety systems and passenger-centric services.

Mysore Airport remains committed to engaging with the local community through educational outreach programmes and initiatives that promote awareness about aviation, while supporting the objectives of *Yatri Suvidha Diwas,* which focuses on enhancing passenger experience and public engagement.



'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel convinced Gandhiji on partition of India'

Former MLC D. Madegowda, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse, Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar, Prof. Ramanatham Naidu and Dean of Studies N. Ananda Gowda offering floral tributes to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the birth anniversary event organised at KSOU auditorium recently.

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&DM)- Former MLC D. Madegowda said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played a key role in securing Mahatma Gandhi's approval for the partition of India at the time of Independence.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary celebrations organised at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Administrative Council Auditorium in the Muktagangothri campus here recently.

Madegowda said that although Mahatma Gandhi was initially opposed to the partition of the country, Patel explained its implications and persuaded him to give his consent.

"Gandhiji agreed to partition only after Patel apprised him of its pros and cons. Following Independence, India faced the daunting task of integrating nearly 570 Princely States. Patel accomplished this through dialogue and persuasion, convincing their rulers about the need for national integration," he said.

He noted that Sardar Patel ordered military action against the Hyderabad State when its Nizam refused to accede to India. "Patel's strong leadership enabled him to overcome several challenges in the post-Independence period. India's unity and integrity would have been under threat had he not acted decisively," Madegowda added.

Stating that Bidar and Ballari became part of Karnataka only after the integration of the Hyderabad State, he said that Karnataka should always remember Patel's contribution to national unity. He also expressed regret that Patel Jayanti was not being observed with due importance in the State.

Madegowda highlighted Patel's role in India's freedom struggle and elaborated on his leadership during the Kheda and Bardoli Movements in Gujarat.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse, Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar, Prof. Ramanatham Naidu, Dean of Studies N. Ananda Gowda and others were present.

NEET re-exam: 1,847 out of 7,886 students absent

Mysuru, June 22 (MK&DM)- The All India National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) re-exam for admission to Under-Graduate Medical Degrees passed off smoothly in all the 21 exam centres in city yesterday.

As many as 1,847 out of the 7,886 students, who had registered for the re-exam in city centres, were absent.

The City Police had clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius around all the exam centres. The Police provided tight security around all centres with the deployment of a Police Inspector, three men and two women Police personnel at every centre.

The exam papers arrived at Bengaluru in an Air Force Plane and subsequently despatched to other centres across the State.

The examinees were asked not to wear jeans pants, belt, hair-clip, metal ornaments, jewellery, full-armed shirt, hijab, etc. The exam authorities made mike announcements sending out necessary information and giving directions at the centres.

The frisking and biometric verification of students began at 11 am. The gates of all exam centres were closed at 1.30 pm and no student was allowed entry to the centre thereafter.

The exam was held from 2 pm to 5.15 pm with the National Testing Authority (NTA) giving 15 minutes extra time for the re-exam.

The NEET, which was held on May 3, was cancelled due to question paper leak.

Yoga Day celebrated at Sigma Hospital

Mysuru, June 22 (KS)- Sigma Hospital, Nursing College and Vishwashanthi Institution celebrated International Day of Yoga (IDY) in city yesterday, with an objective of promoting a disease-free and healthy life.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Siddalingeshwar stated that the significance of yoga has been passed down through the ages from ancient sages and is rooted in the civilisations of Harappa, Mohenjo-Daro, Indus Valley, the ancient *Sanatana* Hindu tradition and the teachings of the sage Charaka.

He explained that great personalities such as Sri Aurobindo, Maharshi Patanjali, Jaggi Vasudev and Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji have given renewed importance to yoga and popularised it in the present century.

Managing Director of Sigma Hospital S. Gnanashankar said that the hospital has been observing Yoga Day every year since its inception to encourage Mysureans to lead disease-free lives and enjoy longevity and added that through the participation of doctors, hospital staff and students, the hospital has been symbolically conducting yoga sessions to inspire people to lead happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives.

Physician Dr. Rakesh Rajee Aras stated that regular yoga plays a vital role in the prevention and management of diabetes, high blood pressure and other chronic health conditions.

Gastroenterologist Dr. Krishna explained that yoga is not limited to physical postures alone. It also includes breath control, meditation, concentration and maintaining harmony between the body and mind. Yoga is especially beneficial for digestive disorders, bloating, gas formation, sleep-related problems and various gastrointestinal ailments, he added.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme

'Yet to receive guidelines on new applications'

Mysuru, June 22 (MK&DM)- Stating that 13,677 'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme beneficiaries have passed away in the district, Women and Child Development Deputy Director Nagaraj said that the Department is yet to receive fresh guidelines on bio-metric identity and acceptance of new applications for the scheme.

He was speaking at the District-level Guarantee Schemes progress review meeting at D. Devaraj Urs Hall in Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Office premises here recently.

Pointing out that Rs. 134.33 crore has been released for 6,71,674 beneficiaries in the district as the first instalment, Nagaraj said that Anganwadi workers are visiting households and submitting reports to the Child Development Officer.

Noting that review of the reports will be done quickly, Nagaraj reiterated that the Department is yet to receive fresh guidelines for 'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme. The guidelines will be implemented once it is received, he added.

District Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee President S. Arun Kumar said that the Congress Government has implemented five Guarantee Schemes for economic empowerment of the poor and downtrodden sections of the society. These schemes will not be stopped for any reason, he asserted.

Committee Vice-President Shivakumar said, there are many dead and IT-GST payer beneficiaries in 'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme and all such beneficiaries are ineligible.

As such, the money that is being credited to them must stop at once, he said adding that money should also be recovered from such ineligible beneficiaries who have received payment till now.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Planning Officer Prabhuswamy, Committee Vice-President Hunsur Basavanna, Members S.M. Yogesh, Chandrashekar, Abdul Khader, Cheluvaraju, Mahadev, Guruswamy, Udayashankar, Nithin and others were present on the occasion.

Newly elected MLC Raghu Kautilya felicitated at BJP Office in city

Newly elected MLC Raghu Kautilya, who was felicitated at the BJP Office in Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, on Saturday, seen with MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President Kumbralli Subbanna and other party leaders. Picture right shows Raghu Kautilya receiving his certificate of election from the Secretary of Karnataka Legislative Assembly Secretariat and Returning Officer M.K. Vishalakshi as the Central Election Observer looks on.

Mysuru, June 22 (BLU&DM)- The newly-elected MLC Raghu Kautilya was felicitated by Mysuru City and District BJP office-bearers and party workers at BJP Head Quarters located at Chamarajapuram in city, on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Raghu Kautilya said that several BJP MLAs had cross-voted in the June 18 Legislative Council Polls in violation of the party guidelines and the party would take action against them.

Noting that the BJP has taken the cross-voting seriously, he said that the party top brass has formed a fact-finding committee to find out the culprit MLAs who have betrayed the party.

Thanking the BJP leadership for giving him an opportunity to enter the Upper House, he said, he would serve the party and the people to the best of his ability.

BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa sees conspiracy

Meanwhile, alleging that his own partymen had plotted against him and indulged in a false campaign that his vote got invalidated in the just concluded Legislative Council Polls, KR BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa asserted that he was cautious enough to cast his vote properly and there was no question of his vote getting invalidated.

Speaking to media persons at the BJP Head Office on Saturday, Srivatsa saw a conspiracy behind the false campaign against him. "I have cast my vote with utmost caution and conscience. It is totally wrong to say that my vote got invalidated due to improper marking," he said, wondering whether the Election Commission had issued any official information in this regard.

Reiterating that his own partymen was behind this false campaign against him, Srivatsa said, he has brought this matter to the notice of the party top brass. He further said that the fact-finding committee will discover who were the party MLAs who cross-voted in the Legislative Council Polls.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, June 22- **M.B. Shivaswamy** has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Synthesis of Metal Chalcogenide Nanomaterials for Electrochemical and Biological Study' [Guide: Dr. Nagendra Prasad].

Vijaya has been awarded Ph.D in Performing Arts & Cultural Studies - Music, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences by the Jain University, Bengaluru, for her thesis '20ne Shathamaanada Aadiyallina Ajnaathavaagiye Ulida Mysurina Karnataka Sangeethada Vaaggeyakaararu - Ondu Samagra Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. Meera Rajaram Pranesh].

V. Manikanta has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, for his thesis 'Data Visualisation Techniques in NLP and Healthcare' [Guide: Dr. N.G. Yethiraj].

Coming soon...

Green Property Tag

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&BS)- In a bid to promote eco-friendly practices among citizens, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is considering the introduction of a 'Green Property Tag' for buildings that adopt sustainable measures.

Amid growing concerns over climate change and erratic weather patterns linked to global warming, the MCC plans to encourage the adoption of environmentally responsible practices, such as rainwater harvesting, solar energy utilisation, solid waste management and energy-efficient building systems.

With Mysuru witnessing rapid urban growth and emerging as a preferred destination for people seeking a better quality of life, the Civic Body aims to incentivise green initiatives by recognising environmentally conscious properties with a distinct 'Green Property Tag.'

Incentive for green initiative

The proposed initiative is intended not only to promote environmental conservation but also to serve as a benchmark for assessing property quality and value while contributing to sustainable urban development.

The Green Property Tag is expected to cover residential and commercial buildings, educational institutions, apartment complexes and other establishments that incorporate mandatory eco-friendly features.

Such green buildings reduce dependence on conventional energy sources. Rainwater harvesting systems, in particular, can help recharge groundwater levels, mitigate water scarcity and reduce the burden on Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), the MCC's water supply wing.

The Civic Body believes that green-certified properties could command higher market value, as they offer better ventilation, greater access to natural light and improved indoor air quality, thereby promoting healthier living conditions.

The initiative could also help MCC reduce expenditure on waste management. Households seeking the tag will be required to segregate waste at source, process organic waste into compost, conserve & reuse water and take measures to protect and enhance green cover.

School of Planning and Architecture to host

Workshop on 'Strategies for Improving Blue-Green Networks in Urban Areas'

Mysuru, June 22- On the occasion of World Environment Day, a one-day workshop on 'Strategies for Improving Blue-Green Networks in Urban Areas' will be organised on June 23 at 10.30 am at Prof. K.S. Rangappa Auditorium, School of Planning and Architecture, University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri, Mysuru.

The workshop will be inaugurated by Nitesh Patil, Regional Commissioner, Mysuru Division and Administrator, Mysuru City Corporation and will be presided over by Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, UoM.

Prof. Dr. B. Shankar, Convenor, Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI), Mysuru Centre, will be present at the workshop jointly organised by the School of Planning and Architecture, UoM; ITPI, Karnataka Regional Chapter, Bengaluru and ITPI Mysuru Centre.

The programme aims to bring together urban planners, architects, engineers, environmental experts, administrators, academicians, researchers, students and citizens to deliberate on sustainable, resilient and liveable urban development strategies.

S.B. Honnur, Council Member, ITPI, New Delhi; Prof. Dr. N. Sridharan, Council Member, ITPI and former Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, Vijayawada and Bhopal, along with senior office-bearers of ITPI Karnataka Regional Chapter K. Narayana Gowda, Laxmikanth Pawar, M.C. Shashikumar and A.V. Rangesh, K. Narasimhamurthy, Prof. Narayana Sastry and Dr. Yashaswini, ITPI Mysuru Centre will participate in the workshop.

The Director of School of Planning and Architecture Prof. Dr. H.S. Kumara, HoD of Planning Prof. Dr. H.N. Nagendra, HoD of Architecture Prof. Pramod M. Gawari, faculty members, planners, architects, academicians, researchers and students will also participate.

The workshop focuses on the importance of Blue-Green Networks — an integrated approach combining blue infrastructure such as lakes, rivers, wetlands and water systems with green infrastructure including urban forests, parks, biodiversity zones, green corridors and public spaces. These networks help address climate change, urban flooding, heat stress, biodiversity loss, water security and environmental degradation. It is expected to generate valuable recommendations towards building a greener, healthier and more resilient Mysuru for future generations.

The technical sessions will focus on:

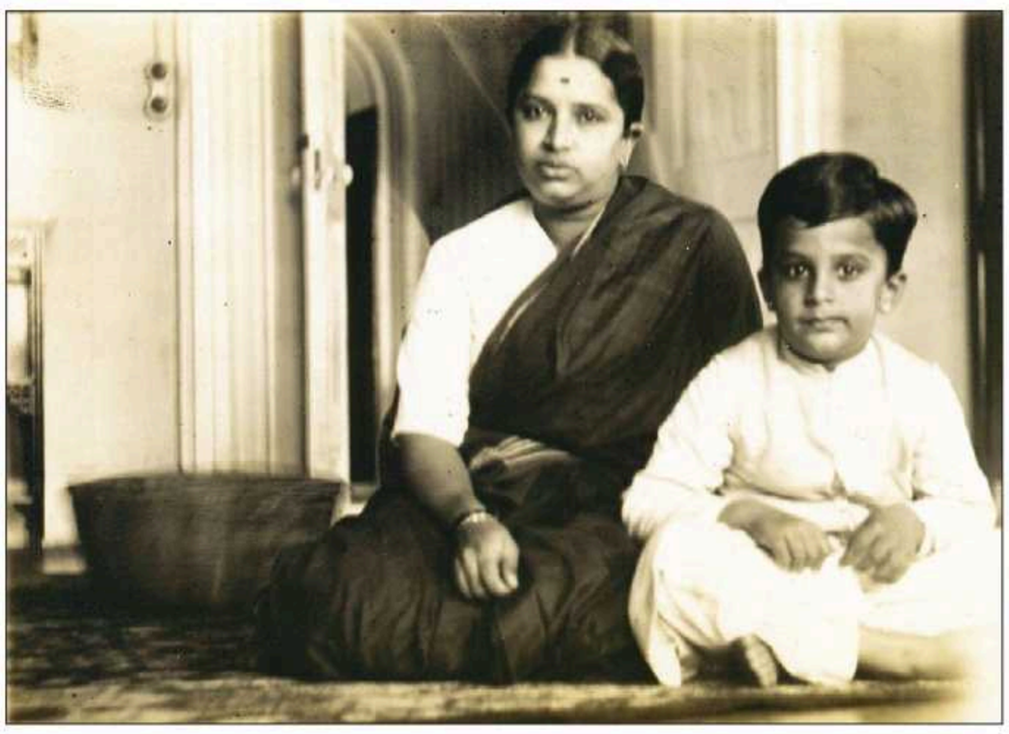
1. Blue Networks and Sustainable Urban Water Systems: Conservation of lakes and water bodies, rainwater management and sustainable drainage systems.

2. Green Networks and Integration of Blue-Green Networks for Climate-Resilient Cities: Urban forests, green corridors, biodiversity conservation and nature-based solutions.

3. Green and Blue Spaces from an Urban Planning Perspective: Planning methodologies and policy approaches for ecological integration.

Experts participating in the deliberations include Jeevan Roy, Technical Adviser, BORDA Bengaluru; Bhanu Khanna, Programme Manager, World Resources Institute (WRI) India, Bengaluru and Mohamed Hussain, Urban Planning Expert and Consultant.

Vintage Vignettes
... from a Princely State



By R.G. Singh

Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

This endearing photograph of H.H. Yuvarani Kempu Cheluvajammanni avaru seated on the floor along with her son, Prince Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, was shot at an unknown location. The unusual angle of the photograph shows that the photographer must have shot this image while seated on the floor. The bamboo basket in the background and informal attire of the protagonists focuses on the casual domestic ambience. Several photographs of the duo in later life dating from the 1930s to 1960s show the same affectionate bond.

H.H. Yuvarani (23.06.1893 to 30.12.1970) was the fourth daughter of Dalvoy Devaraja Urs (biological father: Bodyguard Putta Devaraja Urs, adoptive parents: Dalvoy Nanjaraja Urs of Kalale and Kamalajammanni of Bilikere) and Lakshmammanni (second daughter of Bale Urs of Hullahalli).

She was married to H.H. Yuvaraja Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar (17.06.1910) and had four children: Prince Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, Princess Vijayalakshmammanni avaru, Princess Sujayakanthammanni avaru and Princess Sri Jayachamundammanni avaru.

The Yuvarani in her fairly long lived life of seventy-seven years witnessed some of the most important events of the Princely State of Mysore at close quarters like the inauguration of the new Palace, the demise of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV and the Yuvaraja, the weddings of her four children, births of fifteen granddaughters and a grandson, the coronation of her only son as the Maharaja, the merging of the Mysore State into the Indian Union, the demise of her daughter Sri Jayachamundammanni, the stripping of the privy purses, weddings of some of her grandchildren and births of three of her great granddaughters. In several photographs, she is seen with her grandchildren as an affectionate, doting grandmother.

[Size: 13x9 cms; Collection: Ramsons Kala Pratishtana]

Rs. 7 crore Kambala for Mysuru Dasara

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Two sites identified

After inspecting multiple locations, officials have shortlisted two sites for the Kambala arena: A 15-acre area near Aishwarya Petrol Bunk on Mysuru-Hunsur Road in Vijayanagar and a 23-acre site near the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Regional Centre at Sathagalli.

Sources said the Sathagalli site is currently the frontrunner because of its larger area and suitability for constructing slush tracks, accommodating buffaloes and managing large crowds. A final decision on the venue is expected by the end of this week.

Race between 100 and 120 pairs

The administration has already begun coordinating with Kambala organisers and teams from coastal Karnataka.

Mysuru Kambala Managing Committee Working President Muralidhar Rai Matanthabettu told *Star of Mysore* that between 100 and 120 pairs of racing buffaloes are expected to participate, with teams likely to arrive from traditional Kambala centres such as Mangaluru, Udupi, Puttur, Karkala, Moodbidri and Sullia.

Officials seen during inspection of the proposed site for Kambala event at Vijayanagar recently.

While Dasara festivities are scheduled to commence from Oct. 11, the Kambala event is likely to be held two days after the inauguration. Officials said the identified land must be handed over to the organising committee at least three months in advance to facilitate the construction of the tracks and the preparation of the slush surface.

A second review meeting is scheduled next week, during which the venue is expected to be finalised and track construction works initiated.

Food and accommodation

Officials said each participating buffalo pair will be paid Rs. 50,000 towards transportation and related expenses. More than 30 members are expected to accompany each team and arrangements for their accommodation and food will have to be made by the District Administration.

In addition to the races, cultural programmes showcasing the traditions of coastal Karnataka will be organised. Cultural troupes associated with Kambala teams are expected to arrive in Mysuru ahead of the event and stage performances during the festival.

Officials drew parallels with the inaugural Bengaluru Kambala held at Palace Grounds in 2023, which featured 159 pairs of buffaloes and attracted large crowds. They expressed confidence that the Mysuru edition would generate similar public interest.

The Mysuru Kambala Managing Committee will be headed by Puttur MLA Ashok Kumar Rai, who also served as President of the Bengaluru Kambala.

Muralidhar Rai Matanthabettu will serve as Working President and Vijay Kumar Kanginmane as Secretary.

An official announcement on the Kambala venue, dates and event schedule is expected once the site selection process is completed.

Moharram procession in city tomorrow

Mysuru, June 22 (KS) - The seventh day Moharram procession will be held in city tomorrow.

The procession will commence at 4.30 pm from Alhaj Mir Muhib Hussain's Saatveen Ashurkhana on Sajjad Ali Street in Mandi Mohalla and will pass via B.N. Road, Akbar Road, K.T. Street and Kabir Road before culminating at the starting point.

Before the commencement of the procession, Marsiya Khani, in memory of the martyrs of Karbala the third Shia Imam Hazrat Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, will begin at 2.30 pm at the same venue.

The procession will be taken out in co-ordination with Anjuman-E-Hussainia, Masjid-E-Jaffery and Moharram Committee Mysore, according to a press release from Shia community member Mirza Mohamed Ali.

36 migrants intercepted; let off after verification

Police find them from Assam, Bengal; Nagendra targets Priyank Kharge

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&BCT)- More than 50 migrants arriving from North India at Mysuru City Railway Station yesterday triggered a commotion after activists of Hindu Jagaran Vedike alleged that Bangladeshi nationals were entering the city illegally.

L. Nagendra

The activists intercepted several passengers and handed them over to the Railway Police for verification. The activists acted amid rumours that Bangladeshi migrants, who had allegedly settled illegally in West Bengal, were moving to other States, including Karnataka.

Acting on these suspicions, they stopped passengers who had arrived on the Howrah-Mysuru Express and began checking their documents. While some passengers reportedly left the station, 36 persons were detained and handed over to the Railway Police.

Former MLA L. Nagendra reached the Railway Station after learning about the incident. Interacting with the detained persons, he questioned the authenticity of the documents they produced, which carried addresses in Assam and West Bengal.

He urged the Railway Police to conduct a detailed probe with the assistance of the Mandi Mohalla Police. Following verification, the Police said, all the detained persons were residents of Assam and West Bengal.

After checking their identity documents, recording their details and questioning them about the purpose of their visit to Mysuru, the Police released them.

Speaking to reporters, Nagendra urged the State Government to focus on curbing the inflow of migrants into Karnataka. He alleged that following the BJP's rise to power in West Bengal, illegal Bangladeshi migrants had begun moving to Congress-ruled States.

Targeting Home Minister Priyank Kharge, Nagendra said that efforts should be directed towards checking illegal migration instead of raising questions about the RSS. He called for the formation of a special squad to identify suspected illegal migrants, conduct comprehensive verification and prevent any unlawful influx into the State.

He further alleged that the identity cards produced by some migrants were fake and demanded a thorough verification process.

3 of a family end lives

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&VNS)- Three members of a family committed suicide alleging harassment by a youth belonging to an upper caste at Kempaiahnahundi in T. Narasipur taluk in the district.

The deceased are Shivanna (50), his wife Nagarathna (45) and their daughter Rakshitha (22). According to Police, the incident came to light when Shivanna's relatives found the bodies of all three persons at their new house on Kempaiahnahundi Main Road this morning.

Police also recovered a death note in which the deceased have blamed one Ullas Gowda of the same village, for taking the extreme step. It is said, Ullas and Rakshitha, who belonged to different castes, were in a relationship. However, both families were not in favour of their marriage.

Meanwhile, Rakshitha's parents fixed her marriage with a person from Belagola in Srirangapatna and the marriage was scheduled on June 25 and 26. Earlier, the elders of the village had also conducted a meeting with both the families in the presence of Ullas and Rakshitha and advised them to stay away.

However, it is alleged that Ullas had called Rakshitha and threatened her to create a ruckus in the marriage hall. Fearing this, Shivanna, Nagarathna and Rakshitha left their old house and arrived at their new house last night where they consumed poison.

On receiving information, Mysuru SP Mallikarjun Baladandi and T. Narasipur Police visited the spot and conducted mahazar. A case has been registered at Varuna Police Station.

Police book 6 Hindu activists

Released after MP's intervention

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&BCT)- Railway Police have registered a case against six Hindu Jagaran Vedike activists for allegedly creating a disturbance and misbehaving with passengers after they detained 36 migrant workers at Mysuru City Railway Station on suspicion that they were Bangladeshi nationals.

During questioning, the migrants produced valid identity documents establishing that they were residents of West Bengal. Following verification, the Police released them.

Hindu Jagaran Vedike leader Vasanth Kumar maintained that the documents should be subjected to further verification. He said that the activists had only sought to assist the authorities in identifying illegal migrants.

In the wake of the incident, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar visited the Police Station and held discussions with officials. Stating that there was no objection to the investigation, he stressed that the process should be fair and impartial.

"The migrants have been released, but FIRs have been registered against our activists. This is not right. The law should be applied equally to all," he told reporters. The detained activists were later released.

Among those present during the discussions were BJP City General Secretary Rudramurthy, Chamaraja Constituency BJP President Dinesh Gowda, Chamundeshwari Constituency BJP President Pailwan Ravi, BJP leader Giridhar and representatives of various Hindu organisations.

Exports from Kadakola get Customs clearance

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The Greenfield terminal of the Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), also known as the Inland Container Depot (ICD), scripted a new chapter in the region's rail logistics sector in May this year by successfully dispatching its maiden outbound container rake.

The facility transported 2,200 tonnes of Dunite mineral to Odisha through a trial long-haul rail movement, marking its first major outbound mineral consignment.

With Customs approval now in place, the terminal is preparing to handle export shipments for industries such as JK Tyre, TVS, Nestlé and Rishi FIBC, according to CONCOR MMLP General Manager M.P. Vijay Kumar.

The cargo will be routed through seaports and shipped to destinations in the United States and Europe, a move expected to strengthen Mysuru's position as an emerging logistics and export hub.

Awareness among exporters

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar said, enhancing India's export capacity has been a key focus of successive Union Budgets and noted that the Kadakola facility would contribute to reducing the country's trade deficit while improving ease of doing business.

He stressed the need to create awareness among exporters and industries about the availability of the facility so that it can be effectively utilised as a gateway for international trade.

"We will hold discussions with Central Government leaders as well as local industries and traders to understand their requirements and make the facility more user-friendly. Their feedback will help shape the next phase of development," he added.

Vijay Kumar said, the Kadakola ICD has witnessed steady cargo movement since becoming operational and has handled a total of 660 containers so far.

Of these, 80 twenty-foot containers carrying Dunite mineral were transported from Mysuru to Odisha, while another 80 twenty-foot containers loaded with Nestlé products were despatched to Kolkata.

Daily capacity

The facility has the capacity to handle three freight trains per day, with a container handling capacity of around 300 containers daily. At full utilisation, this translates to up to 12,000 containers per month. Supporting this operation are two warehouses, each measuring 1,000 square metres.

On the inbound side, the terminal received two rakes of white cement from Rajasthan, each comprising 90 containers, totalling 180 containers. It also handled four rakes of grey cement from Andhra Pradesh, with each rake carrying 80 containers, accounting for 320 containers. Overall, the facility has handled 160 outbound containers and 500 inbound containers, taking the total container traffic to 660, Vijay Kumar added.

'Project overcame many hurdles'

While several projects have been brought to Mysuru, sustainable employment generation depends on industrial growth. That is why the CONCOR Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) was so important. The project, initially sanctioned at Rs. 102 crore, overcame several hurdles, including the original contractor abandoning the work midway. It was later re-tendered and completed.

Prathap Simha

Before the Lok Sabha elections, I inaugurated the facility after ensuring that land-related issues and administrative bottlenecks were resolved. With the Customs Department now approving EXIM operations, the final hurdle has been cleared. This development is expected to significantly boost industrial activity and create new opportunities for Mysuru and the surrounding region.

—Prathap Simha, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Obituary

Rubin Dove

Mysuru, June 22 - Rubin Dove (71), a resident of Kalyanagiri, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind one son, one daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this afternoon.

Subhash T. Patil

Subhash T. Patil (79), a resident of 19th Cross, A-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife Chandana S. Patil, son Dheeraj S. Patil, daughter Divya S. Patil, daughter-in-law Deepthi, son-in-law Sachin S. Patil, grandchildren Kriti, Divij & Drisha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

M. Prashanth

M. Prashanth (44), son of late Mahadevappa and a resident of Raghavendranagar in city, passed away yesterday following a heart attack. He leaves behind his mother Savithramma, wife Asha, daughter Yoshitha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in city this afternoon.

Season 5 Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20

Blasters overpower Yodhas

Mysuru, June 22 - Bengaluru Blasters made a powerful statement of intent beating Shivamogga Yodhas by 16 runs to register their back-to-back victories on Day-2 of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, here yesterday.

Chasing a stiff target of 136 runs in 10 overs (VJD method), Yashovardhan Parantap kept the match alive for the Yodhas till the last ball with an incredible 16-ball 38 (1 four, 3 sixes). However, that proved too little, too late.

The match was reduced to 14 overs a side due to wet outfield conditions and further reduced to 10 over, but it hardly mattered to the Blasters, as they had already moved into a commanding position before reaching a stiff 124 at the end of the 10th over.

The early dismissal of Bhuvan Mohan Raju, for another aggressive knock (13-ball 23, 2 fours, 2 sixes), did not cause any early hiccups as the left-handed duo of Rohan Patil and Krishnan Shrijith continued the good pace with attractive and aggressive stroke plays. Their 45-ball 97-run partnership for the second wicket proved decisive in the end. Rohan was more attacking and his unbeaten 23-ball 51 consisted of five sixes and a boundary while Shrijith remained unbeaten on a 25-ball 47 (4 fours, 2 sixes).

In reply, the Yodhas could hardly launch a fitting reply. Losing early wickets, they found themselves in trouble by the end of the fifth over, reduced to five for 54. Blasters' captain Shubhang Hegde, the hero of their first victory on Saturday over Mysore Warriors, again had a hand in all the early wickets that fell. He broke the Yodhas batting line-up dismissing K.V. Aneesh (12) and Harshill Darmani (13) in quick succession. Shreevatsa Acharya kept up the pressure at the other end dismissing Adarsh Prajwal (17) and M.G. Naveen (16), while Praveen Dubey also registered a two-wicket haul.

Earlier, the first match of the second day of the tournament between Coastal Kings Mangaluru and Hubli Tigers was washed out without a ball being bowled.

BRIEF SCORES

Bengaluru Blasters 124/1 in 10 overs (Bhuvan Mohan Raju 23, Rohan Patil 51 not out, Krishnan Shrijith 47 not out; Shreesha Achar 1-15) bt **Shivamogga Yodhas** 119-7 (revised target of 136) (Aadarsh Prajwal 17, M.G. Naveen 16; Praveen Dubey 2-24, Shubhang Hegde 2-9, Shreevathsa Acharya 2-34).

TODAY'S MATCHES (JUNE 22)

- **Mysore Warriors Vs Hubli Tigers** — **2 pm**
- **Gulbarga Mystics Vs Coastal Kings Mangaluru** — **7 pm**

VENUE: SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Manasagangothri, Mysuru

Catch the live action on ***Sony Ten 5*** and ***Sony Kannada.***
Live streaming also available on ***Fancode.***

Rohan Patil of Bengaluru Blasters receiving the Trusted Player of the Match award from Cycle Pure Agarbathi representative at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in city yesterday.

State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament held in city

ALL WINNERS: ***Tanishka Kalabhairav, Ela Hegde, Sakshya Santhosh, Krishna Moudgalya and Suchet Dharennavar.***

Mysuru, June 22- Mysore District Table Tennis Association (MDTTA) under the aegis of Karnataka State Table Tennis Association conducted the LIC Cup Karnataka State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament at University of Mysore Gymnasium Hall at Sports Pavilion located at Maharaja's College Grounds in city recently.

The tournament was held in various categories for both boys and girls, men and women.

RESULTS (ALL FINALS)

U-17 Boys: Aarnav Naveen bt Atharva Nawarange 11-7, 12-14, 11-9, 11-8.

U-17 Girls: Tanishka Kalabhairav bt Hiya Singh 11-8, 11-9, 11-7.

Men's Singles: K.J. Aakash bt Abhinav K. Murthy 11-5, 13-11, 11-7, 11-5.

U-19 Girls: Tanishka Kalabhairav bt Himanshi Chowdhary 11-8,11-5,6-11,11-9,13-11.

U-19 Boys: B.R. Gaurav bt Shubham Trivedi 11-9, 6-11, 11-2,11-7,11-9.

Women's Singles: Tanishka Kalabhairav bt Himanshi Chowdhary 11-5, 9-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-7.

U-15 Boys: Shriram Kiran bt M. Satwik 11-9, 10-12, 12-10,11-9.

U-15 Girls: Tanishka Kalabhairav bt Mihika Udupa 12-10, 11-8,11-3.

U-13 Boys: Suchet Dharennavar bt Sharvil Karambelkar 11-8, 11-7, 11-3.

U-13 Girls: Sakshya Santhosh bt Vibha Tavakari 11-8, 11-7, 6-11, 6-11, 11-6.

79th Senior National Aquatic Championship 2026

Thanya is India Best

Mysuru swimmer sets New Meet Record in 400 mts individual medley

Mysuru, June 22 (VNS)- S. Thanya, a native of Mysuru and a II PUC student of Jain Sports School in Bengaluru, created history by setting a New Meet Record (NMR) and becoming India Best in the 400 mts individual medley at 79th Senior National Aquatic Championship - 2026 held at Ahmedabad recently.

Thanya clinched gold medal with a timing of 4:56.78 sec beating the old timing of 4:59.17 set in 2018. She also won a silver in 200 mts breaststroke (2:38.97 sec) and a bronze in 200 mts individual medley (2:32.22 sec).

She is currently training under Gagan Ullalmath at Jain Sports School in Bengaluru.

Thanya is the daughter of S.P. Shadakshari and N. Shwetha, residents of JP Nagar in Mysuru.

Inter-School and Junior College sports tournament at Pramati

Mysuru, June 22 - The two-day Season 3 of Inter-School and Junior College Sports Tournament hosted by Pramati Hillview Academy was held at University of Mysore Sports Pavilion in city recently. The tournament was inaugurated by cricketer L.R. Chethan by striking the first ball. Academy Secretary H.V. Rajeev, Treasurer S. Paniraj, Senior Principal and CEO C.S. Sudarshana and Principal V.R. Jarita were present.

A total of 8 women's throwball teams and 12 men's cricket teams took part.

PM-VBRY Scheme will boost job creation and support youth: MP

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar lighting the lamp to inaugurate the programme organised by the EPFO for disbursement of incentives to beneficiaries of PM-VBRY Scheme at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) in city recently.

Mysuru, June 22 (VVH&DM)- MP Yaduveer Wadiyar said that the main objective of Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) is to boost job creation and facilitate youth empowerment.

He was speaking after inaugurating the programme organised by Mysuru regional office of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for disbursement of incentives under PM-VBRY Scheme at Sahukar Channaiah auditorium in Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) campus in Gokulam recently.

The MP maintained that the PM-VBRY is a major initiative aimed at generating employment opportunities and providing financial security to young people, while also incentivising employees to create new jobs.

Pointing out that the scheme is designed to stimulate employment generation and strengthen the country's economy by encouraging recruitment and retention of workers, Yaduveer said the Union Government has set aside Rs. 1 lakh crore for the scheme.

"The Prime Minister has launched disbursement of Rs. 2,400 crore as first instalment on June 19. The eligible beneficiaries are entitled to incentives up to Rs. 15,000. This apart, the employers too will get Rs. 3,000 for every job created," he said adding that the scheme will largely enable people to lead a life of quality.

VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashivegowda, who also spoke, stressed on the need for everybody to join hands in making the country a fully developed nation by 2047 for making the Prime Minister's Viksit Bharat-2047 mission, a reality in the true sense. All employers, employees and educational institutions should fully co-operate for fulfilment of the mission, he urged.

As many as 400 beneficiaries of the scheme were distributed incentives on the occasion.

Political analyst Girish Linganna, EPFO Regional Commissioner (Grade-2) Muralidhar, VVCE Administrative Officer Dr. T.C. Poornima, PF Commissioner Pavan Kumar, EO K.P. Prakash and others were present.

School of Public Health, JSS AHER to host three Fulbright Scholars

Mysuru, June 22- The School of Public Health, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, has been selected as the host institution for three distinguished Fulbright-Nehru Fellows, from the United States, for the academic year 2026-2028.

The three scholars who will be associated with JSS AHER are: Dr. Chiara Logli, Assistant Professor, Honolulu Community College, University of Hawai'i, USA., Dr. Javad Anjum, Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, USA and Kizil Yusoof, a Student Researcher, University of Arizona, USA

Dr. Logli has been awarded the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award for her project titled "Grounded Cosmopolitanism in Higher Education: Teaching, Research and Quality Assurance in India."

Dr. Javad Anjum, Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, USA, has been selected under the Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholar Award (Flex Grant) for his project "A Community-Based Cognitive Enhancement Program for Older Adults in Mysuru District, India."

Kizil Yusoof been awarded a nine-month Fulbright-Nehru research grant for her project "Lens of Faith: Understanding Religious Influences on HPV Vaccination Decisions."

Commenting on the achievement, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, said "The selection of three Fulbright-Nehru Fellows to work with our School of Public Health is a matter of immense pride for JSS AHER. It reflects the quality of our faculty, the relevance of our research and the credibility of our engagement with society. Internationalisation is not merely about partnerships, it is about creating meaningful collaborations that generate knowledge, address societal challenges, and improve lives."

Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER said "This achievement is a strong endorsement of the academic and research ecosystem that JSS AHER has carefully nurtured over the years."

Dr. Anil Bilimale, Head, School of Public Health, JSS AHER, said "Public health challenges demand global thinking, local action and collaborative science. The selection of three Fulbright-Nehru Fellows to engage with our School is a recognition of the work our faculty, researchers, students, and community partners have undertaken over the years."

Cell phone usage hits children's memory power: RC Nitesh Patil

Mysuru, June 22 (MTY&BS)- Regional Commissioner (RC) of Mysuru Division Nitesh Patil has given a clarion call to the parents to kindle reading habit among their wards, with the excessive exposure to cell phone affecting their memory power.

He was speaking at the launch of a campaign to distribute notebooks made from unused pages of the notebooks, organised by the Department of Public Libraries in association with Balya Foundation at City Central Library premises, People's Park, Nazarbad in the city recently.

RC Patil explained that of late owing to excessive screen time of the kids, their memory power has taken a beating. The children should cut down spending time with the device and focus on reading the books. The usage of cell phones has also affected creative ability among the kids, which may take a toll on their health too, he regretted.

By reusing the pages of note books, the rate of cutting down the trees to manufacture note books can also be stopped. The parents should encourage such an environmentally friendly campaign, he advised.

The note books made using unused pages, shall be distributed among the students of CSI Victoria School, Government Higher Primary School, Gaadichowka and Mahajana High School. The students of the same schools, did their mite, by donating unused pages to the initiative.

Deputy Director of City Central Library B. Manjunath, BEOs Krishna and Revanna, Retd. Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax Department Ramesh Narasaiah, Principal of Maharaja's College, Dr. V. Shanmugam, journalist Ramesh Uthappa and Founder of Balya Foundation K.S. Anil were present.

Guv releases Kannada translation of Dr. Kalam's 'Wings of Fire'

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot releasing 'Agniya Rekkeygalu' translated by K. Jayaprakash Rao** (in black suit) **in Bengaluru recently.

Mysuru, June 22 (PM&BCT)- The Kannada translation of former President and eminent aerospace scientist late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's autobiography 'Wings of Fire' was released by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at Lok Bhavan in Bengaluru.

Titled 'Agniya Rekkeygalu', the book has been translated into Kannada by K. Jayaprakash Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said Dr. Kalam, fondly remembered as the "People's President," continues to inspire generations through his vision, simplicity, scientific accomplishments and commitment to nation-building.

He observed that making such a seminal work available in Kannada would enrich the State's literary and cultural landscape and promote the language.

The Kannada translation chronicles Dr. Kalam's life journey, his vision for India's development, and his reflections on science and society, making his ideas and experiences accessible to a wider Kannada-speaking audience.

Raghunath and Srinivas of Vasan Publications, Bengaluru; Krishna Rao, former Chief Manager of HAL; and translator Jayaprakash Rao, former Chief Public Relations Officer of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), the nodal agency under the Defence Research and Development Organisation, were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Assiduous

Pronunciation: uh-SIJ-uh-wus (Adjective)

Meaning: Assiduous is a formal word that means "showing great care, attention and effort."

Origin: While assiduous means "showing great care, attention and effort," and in some situations may be an appropriate substitute for careful, it's got a bit more oomph than careful in that it suggests a dogged or tireless persistence. If you are assiduous in your efforts (or work, research, analysis, training, preparations, etc.) for example, it's implied that you're in it for the long haul or that you have the ability to "sit with" a task or challenge for a considerable amount of time. This idea is fitting given that assiduous comes from the Latin verb assidēre, meaning "to sit beside."

Example: "My mom was also assiduous about what we would today call food safety, avoiding anything that could possibly cause illness, especially raw meat: 'Well done' was the norm for everything and anything that could possibly go bad was kept in the fridge." —James Martin, Work in Progress: Confessions of a Busboy, Dishwasher, Caddy, Usher, Factory Worker, Bank Teller, Corporate Tool and Priest, 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Acrophobia

Fear of heights.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dropping Like Flies

Meaning: You use the phrase 'Dropping Like Flies' to indicate that people or animals are falling dead or ill in large numbers.

Origin: The origin of the expression 'dropping like flies' isn't known for certain, although it is a clear allusion to the short-lived life an insect leads. An early printed version comes from a May 1902 edition of the Atlanta Constitution: "I saw men and women rushing back and forth within the flames. They would run along, then came the choking smoke and they would drop like dead flies."

Example: "The flu is going around the office. People are dropping like flies."

QUOTE BOX

"It will never rain roses: when we want to have more roses, we must plant more roses." **—George Eliot**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Time to go.

SUDOKU

9		8						
	2	3	7			9		
		6		9				5
2			1	5				6
1				4	9			2
6				8		7		
		9			2	5	8	
						3		9

Answer to previous puzzle

7	4	3	6	2	9	8	5	1
6	9	5	4	8	1	2	7	3
8	1	2	3	5	7	6	9	4
9	7	6	5	3	2	4	1	8
3	5	1	8	9	4	7	6	2
4	2	8	1	7	6	5	3	9
2	3	9	7	6	8	1	4	5
5	6	4	2	1	3	9	8	7
1	8	7	9	4	5	3	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

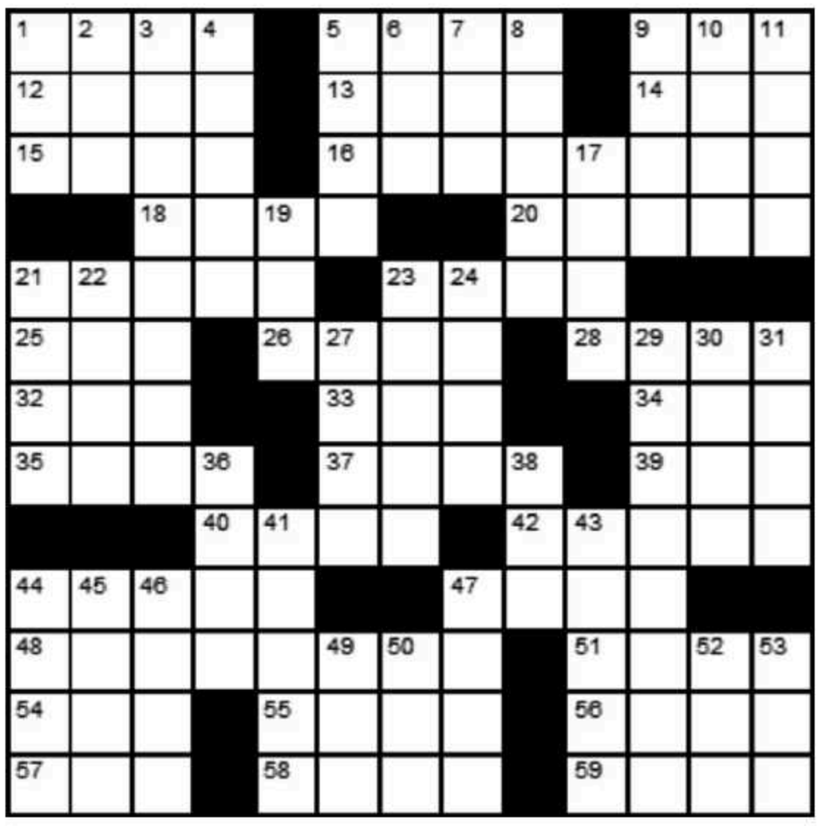
1 The girl with the little lamb?
5 Beam or smile; chuckle
9 "Gangnam Style" rapper
12 A predatory seabird
13 Least amount
14 _ __ zed : alpha to omega (1,2)
15 Plaster backer?
16 Surrounded
18 Elias ___ : inventor of the sewing machine?
20 Battleground
21 Inuit house
23 Large extinct bird
25 Soc. of Automotive Engineers
26 Makes a mistake
28 Nav. readings
32 Greek goddess of dawn
33 An East Indian shrub
34 Equal Time Point
35 Film feline
37 Polluted air
39 Calendar abbr.
40 Ms Gupta of Bollywood
42 Of the eye
44 Tashkent native
47 Ancient France
48 Tending to take one's own life
51 Large luxurious car
54 Old measure of length
55 Unable to speak
56 ___ at : be impatiently angry with?
57 Arab market
58 Nabokov novel
59 Freudian terms

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	A	I	F		T	A	L	C		M	E	W
T	I	T	O		A	R	E	A		A	S	A
O	N	E	R		M	U	R	D	E	R	E	R
P	U	R	S	U	I	T		D	N	A		
			A	P	L		K	I	S	T	N	A
K	H	A	K	I		A	G	E		H	A	W
A	I	D	E		N	U	B		P	A	R	R
H	E	R		S	I	R		D	U	S	K	Y
O	D	I	S	H	A		A	I	R			
		A	L	I		A	S	A	R	U	L	E
R	E	T	R	E	N	C	H		I	R	I	S
M	A	I		L	A	M	E		N	E	A	P
S	R	C		D	Y	E	S		G	A	R	Y

DOWN

1 Mean Sea Level, abbr.
2 Also know as, in short?
3 Without pity
4 Big name on Internet
5 Scoff or jeer
6 Mass of eggs in fish
7 Belonging to it
8 River nymph
9 Something in a book
10 Machine-gun
11 Skywalker mentor
17 God of love
19 ___ is me : an expression of sadness?
21 Understanding term? (1,3)
22 British jail
23 Serious play
24 Norwegian capital
27 Foolhardy
29 ___ old scores : having one's revenge?
30 Sewing case
31 Plan detail
36 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
38 Panaji locale
41 Economise on
43 Heartbeat
44 Functions
45 African native
46 Cheat or swindle, slang word
47 Scottish valley
49 Harass for payment of debt
50 Air Transport Indicator
52 China's thoughtful Chairman
53 Roman goddess of plenty



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FCV FEXV CSU OBXV NBQ STT ZBBL XVI

FB QEUV SKBWV DQEIOEDTV.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons.

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Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
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Kalasipalya (K) - 4 Shows

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Hunted 3D: Echoes of the Past (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 12.15 pm 2.30 pm, 4.45 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10 pm
Urabba (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Dodmansa (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 1.15 pm
Noorusami (Ta)	(S-3)	4 pm
Transfer Trimurthulu (Te)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Chinna Chinna Aasai (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Lo Naveena (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Balan : The Boy (K)	(S-1)	3.35 pm
Balan : The Boy (Ma)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Blast (Ta)	(S-1)	6.25 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	(S-2)	1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Peddi (Te)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Dodmansa (K)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	(S-4)	12.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Hunted 3D: Echoes of the Past (H-3D)	(S-4)	3.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.20 am, 10.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10 am, 5 pm, 10.20 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 7.25 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	12.20 pm, 5 pm, 9.40 pm
Toy Story 5 (H-3D)	:	2.40 pm, 7.20 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	1 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	1.15 pm
Balan: The Boy (K)	:	1.20 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	4.25 pm
Jai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	7.05 pm
Sing Geetham (Te)	:	7.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	9.50 am, 3.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Obsession (E)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 10 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 12.15 pm 5.20 pm, 7.40 pm
Peddi (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.35 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	2.35 pm

Rotary Mysore Midtown wins Global Excellence Award

Rotary Mysore Midtown Team, which received the award at a ceremony held at Mysore Socials recently, seen with Rotary District Governor Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna, Immediate Past District Governor Rtn. Vikram Datta, District Governor-Elect Rtn. Satish Bolar and District Governor-Nominee Rtn. Yashaswi Somshekar.

Mysuru, June 22- Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown emerged as one of the Rotary District's most accomplished Clubs by winning the prestigious Global Excellence Award, the highest recognition in the district, along with Diamond Plus Recognition and seven awards in the Large Club Category at the grand District Awards Ceremony held at Mysore Socials recently.

The Club was specially recognised for executing the highest number of impactful community service projects during the Rotary year, reflecting its strong commitment to service and community development.

The awards were received by Club President Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, Team 'Do Good', the Board of Directors, and members of Rotary Midtown.

The recognition is the culmination of a year marked by impactful service, innovation, fellowship, membership growth and community engagement by the members of Rotary Midtown.

Through a wide range of initiatives benefiting thousands of people across diverse areas of service, the Club continued to uphold Rotary's motto of Service Above Self while creating meaningful and lasting impact in the community.

Music concert at Jayanagar Rama Mandira

Ramani Shankar

Mahathee

Radhesh

Manjunath

Mysuru, June 22- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vid. Ramani Shankar, a sought-after young artiste, at Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira on June 27 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vidu. K. Mahathee on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

Profile: Hailing from a traditional music family, Ramani Shankar was trained in Karnatak classical music by his mother Vidu. Swarna Shankar and father *Sangeetha Kalaratna* S. Shankar, the well-known senior vocalist of Karnataka.

An 'A' graded artiste of AIR and DD, Ramani Shankar has performed in many prestigious Sabhas across the State. With a rich repertoire of the compositions of the Trinity, Post Trinity composers, he also has a repertoire of contemporary composers and has recorded many documentary and CDs containing the works of DVG, Sadashiva Brahmendra, Mayuram Vishwanatha Shastry, Padmacharan, Y.K. Srikantaiah etc., with his father. Ramani Shankar is a HR professional with a Master's degree in HR.

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	10.05 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Kalasipalya (K)	:	10.30 am
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	10.40 am, 12.55 pm, 5.40 pm 8 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	1.30 pm
Obsession (E)	:	3.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Sing Geetham (Te)	:	4.25 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	:	4.30 pm
Jilla (Ta)	:	10.10 pm
Peddi (K)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	10 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.40 pm, 8 pm
Educated Bulls (K)	:	11.05 am
Obsession (E)	:	12.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
Urabba (K)	:	1.50 pm
Kaalaghatta (K)	:	4.25 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	5 pm
Dodmansa (K)	:	7 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	:	7.05 pm
Chinna Chinna Aasai (Ma)	:	10 pm

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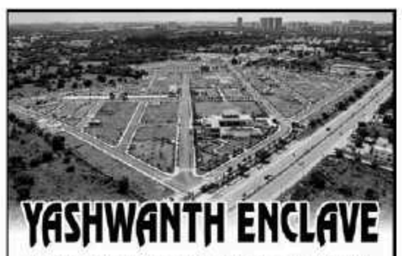
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